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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR JOINT WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURAL
ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY - FEB. 16 MEETING

1. AGENDA - FOLLOWING IS DRAFT AGENDA FOR INDUSTRY
COMMITTEE/CSTP JOINT WP MEETING FEBRUARY 16:

A) ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA - DSTI/SPR/76.15 AND

B) INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT -

C) MANDATE OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY

D) OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT AND POSSIBLE WAYS OF
IMPLEMENTATION: EXAMINATION OF SECRETARIAT PAPER
DSTI/SPR/76.16, DSTI/IND/76.03 AND SPT(75)15.

E) REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING TO THE CPST AND
THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

F) OTHER BUSINESS, INCLUDING DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

2. OBJECTIVES -

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RELEVANT PARAS OF DSTI/SPR/76.16 OF FEB. 2, 1976 DESCR-

BES THE PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES AS FOLLOWS:

A. IT WOULD SEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENTS THAT THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY BE MADE AVAILABLE AND ITS APPLICATION FACILITATED, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE NECESSARY POLICIES ARE ELABORATED AND APPLIED IN A BALANCED AND TIMELY MANNER. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PREPARE THEIR POSITION IN GOOD TIME SO THAT APPROPRIATE POLICIES AND POLICY INSTRUMENTS RESPOND AND, WHERE NECESSARY, INITIATE THE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED.

B. TOGETHER WITH OTHER POLICIES IN THE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL FIELDS, POLICY AND POLICY INSTRUMENTS IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL FIELD HAVE TO BE DEFINED THAT WILL ENABLE THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES TO BE CARRIED OUT, AND THAT WILL ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF THE INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM TO AUTONOMOUSLY RESPOND TO NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

C. THE PROJECT WOULD SEEK TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY (NEW OR EXISTING), WHERE TECHNOLOGY IS MOST LIKELY TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN STRUCTURAL CHANGE. THE STUDY WOULD ATTEMPT TO EXPLORE THE CONDITIONS OF ADOPTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES BY INDUSTRY, AND MORE GENERALLY THE PREREQUISITES FOR THE APPROPRIATE LONGER-TERM RESPONSE TO NEW CONDITIONS.

D. THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WITH A SOLID BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING ON WHICH EACH GOVERNMENT COULD DEVELOP AND FORMULATE INTEGRATED POLICIES FOR TECHNOLOGY AND THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY.
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